

Vice Admiral Joseph P. Aucoin Deputy Chief of Naval Operations Warfare Systems (N9)

Vice Adm. Aucoin graduated from North Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and received his commission through the University of North Carolina Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps program in 1980. He was designated a naval flight officer in 1981 and reported to Fighter Squadron (VF) 101 for initial training in the F-14 Tomcat.

Aucoin served in VF-33 "Tarsiers" embarked aboard USS America (CV 66); VF-101 as an instructor; VF-84 "Jolly Rogers" embarked aboard USS *Nimitz* (CVN 68); and, VF-41 "Black Aces" embarked aboard USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN 71). He served as Carrier Air Wing Eight operations officer embarked aboard Theodore Roosevelt and returned to VF-41 as commanding officer embarked aboard USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) and Theodore Roosevelt. He commanded



Carrier Air Wing Five forward deployed in Japan and embarked aboard USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV 63). He commanded Carrier Strike Group Three homeported in Bremerton, Wash., and embarked aboard USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74).

Ashore, he has served in the Program Planning and Development Branch (OPNAV N801); Programming and Budget Division Joint Staff (J8 PBAD); Aviation Strike Warfare Requirements (OPNAV N880); head, Program Planning and Development Branch (OPNAV N801); head, Maritime, Unmanned Aircraft Systems, Aviation Training Plans and Programs (OPNAV N882); deputy director, Air Warfare (OPNAV N88B); and director, Programming Division (OPNAV N80). He assumed his current responsibilities as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Systems (OPNAV N9) in May 2013.

Aucoin has accumulated more than 4,700 hours and more than 1,300 carrier-arrested landings. His personal awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross with "V" and Bronze Stars. He is an Arthur S. Moreau Scholar and holds master's degrees in Public Administration from Harvard University and in National Security Studies and Strategic Affairs from the Naval War College.

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